

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY
RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING - February 12, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Elliot Auerbach, Graham Campbell, Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Ronnie Evans, Eena-Mai Franz, Robert Marr, Harriet Martin, Paul Michael, Ken Mohring, Flo O'Brien, Martine O'Connor, Arnie Peskin, Richard Skelton, Myron Strongin

President Arnie Peskin opened the meeting by asking everyone to read their copy of the January 8, minutes, which had been distributed. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved and accepted. Arnie asked Paul Michael to speak. He asked that the minutes be sent to him by e-mail rather than snail mail. Harriet Martin responded that hereafter she would do that.

Arnie noted that Harriet would not be attending the next 2 Monthly Meetings, and therefore he needed someone to be Recording Secretary for March and April. Ronnie Evans said that she would take minutes for March, but wasn't sure about April.

Ken Mohring was then asked to give the Treasurer's Report, which was then approved and accepted. Ken also reported back about his investigation of Teleconferencing. He said that it was available in a number of conference rooms on site, but the common knowledge was that it was most affective with no more than 3-4 people.

Arnie said we should consider this option further, and added that our annual meeting with Lab management was imminent, and also needed more discussion.

Flo O'Brien then discussed the options for the Annual Luncheon. She had visited 3 different venues, and Harriet had visited one. After some discussion the group chose to have the luncheon at the Three Village Inn on June 4, 2008. It was also decided to have a piano player, and wine and hors d'oeuvres served a half hour before lunch. As for the piano player, Martine O'Connor, Dave Cox and Harriet would see to it! Arnie said he would ask BNL Director, Sam Aronson, to give a brief talk.

Myron Strongin then gave a brief review of the talk given in Jan. by Steven Stern.

There were 20-25 people present, but very few present staff. The next program which will be Eric Forsyth's film about his voyage to Anarctica, on Mar. 4, in Berkner Hall at noon, will probably be SRO....we hope!

Dave Cox gave a brief report from the Charter Review Committee. Some copies of the charter were distributed, and a problem occurred when it was discovered that there were 2 versions of the charter. Some suggestions were made as to phrasing, and it was decided that we needed to have more discussion about the reorganization and the charter changes.

Our next meeting will be on March 11, 2008. This meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Harriet Martin